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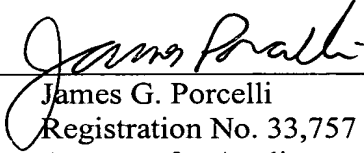
The specification and claim amendments have been made in order to conform this patent application to customary United States patent practice. Claim 1-10 have been cancelled and rewritten as claims 11-28.

A copy of the added Abstract is attached for insertion into the application.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 11-28 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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PROCESS FOR CLEANING FILTERS

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Filters used in the food and beverage industry can be cleaned by contacting the filters with a cyclic nitroxyl compound and a reoxidator or with a nitroxonium compound in a bromine-free process. The nitroxyl can be TEMPO or its 4-acetamido or 4-acetoxy derivative, and the nitroxonium compound can be the corresponding oxidized ion obtained by enzymatic or metal catalyzed oxidation. The reoxidator may be a peracid, such as peracetic acid, persulphuric acid or permanganic acid, or a metal complex with a hydroperoxide.